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NEW BANANA VARIETY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB) is conducting research to breed a new banana variety for quality fibre production;

(b) if so, the details and the objective thereof; and

(c) the purpose for which it is likely to be used?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Research Centre for Banana has identified wild banana variety of Rhodochlamys group known for its high quality fibre. This material is being used in hybridization with potential varieties of banana for developing improved variety of banana for high quality fibre production.

(c) The quality banana fibre can be used for making export oriented fancy goods like dinner mat, wall-hangs, fine quality coir-rope, marine cordages, quality paper and fabrics.